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ENZYMES FOR THE BIO-DEGRADATION OF CARRAGEENANS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to Examination of this application on the merits, kindly amend the application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of application Ser. No. 09/269,731, filed Apr. 5, 1999,
which is a 371 of PCT/FR97/01768, filed October 6, 1997.--

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, insert the heading: --BACKGROUND OF THE
INVENTION--.

Page 3, between lines 2 and 3, insert the heading: --SUMMARY OF THE